

# The GARZETTE

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## Special points of interest:

- Bob Varone, W4ETN has his shack featured in this month's Shack Of The Month.
- Ade Wirth, W4ADE is profiled in this month's On The Air With.
- GARS now has an email list server and online calendar available.

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## The President's Pen

By David Adcock, KA4KKF

It's July and we made it through another Field Day. I hope everyone had a great time. I certainly had a great time.

The food was great and the weather was cool and damp but very enjoyable. I think the last tally was about the same number of people attended this year, as did last year. We had great coverage from the local media too. On Sunday some of us were looking at what could be improved upon next year. I hope everyone gets involved with some aspect of Field Day. There is the cooking and cleanup. The antenna raising party involves getting them up in to the trees. We had all the wire antennas up in



the air in record time this year. Mark has been keeping fit and it came through for us this year. The old crossbow seemed to have lost its zip. The behind the scenes' crew did an excellent job this year. Everyone needs to get involved to learn about some function of Field Day. You never know when you may be called upon to do the same

thing in an emergency. Learn how to get antennas in to the trees, operate in difficult situations and copy signals that are hard to hear.

Overall, I think everyone who attended had a great time. The weather may have kept some away, but those that showed up had fun. I'll leave the rest of the reports to the Field Day committee. We're going to do this again on a smaller scale in October with the scouts in Athens. That will be a busy day. The more people that help the easier it will be. When we ask for help, please step forward and volunteer.

I would like to thank the East Atlanta LAN

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## Gwinnett Hams Honored

By Ike Chapman, KE4GYM

During the month of June, Gwinnett County amateur radio operators were honored on two separate occasions. On June 8<sup>th</sup>, the Metro Atlanta Chapter of the American Red Cross presented it's Good

Neighbor Award to the Gwinnett ARES organization. Lowry Rouse, KM4Z, ARRL Gwinnett County Emergency Coordinator accepted the award at an awards breakfast hosted by the Red Cross. The ARES

group was cited for their support of Red Cross operations following the April 9, 1998 tornado that struck DeKalb and Gwinnett counties during the early morning hours.

On June 15<sup>th</sup>, GARS

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## The GARZETTE

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group for the donation toward the electrical bill at Snellville. If you're into packet or would like to learn more about it, get in touch with one of the guys. Information for the meeting is in *The GARZETTE*.

The picnic will be September 11<sup>th</sup> at Fort Yargo. The pig roast and bar-b-q should be great this year. Hope to see you there. We should have a great time. I know that the guys that stay up all night cooking and operating radios have a great time. If you are interested in helping, see Marty (KE4MLH).

We did it. The executive committee set the budget for the coming year in 3 hours. It runs from July 1, 1999 to June 30, 2000. We expect to have plenty of activities for the club such as the Picnic, Christmas party, Field Day food, Techfest, radio demos, and all sorts of odds and ends needed for each occasion. If you have an idea for an activity, get in touch with Howie (W4NMF) our activity chairman. If you want to see a special program at the meetings, get in touch with Johnny (W4WKP).

We try to plan a lot of activities for the club. We hope to entertain most of the club. You know the old saying that you can't please all the people all the time. We hope you will offer suggestions for future activities. An active club is a happy club. Now that I got all the little sayings out of the way, let's have fun.

Repeater operation has been a topic at some of the breakfasts this year. As I sit here writing this article, the repeater said thank you. That is in response to a command to the controller. If it says power fail, the controller had a power failure and needs to be reset. Well, when a control operator resets the controller, it says thank you. We had an open repeater shack a couple of

months ago and plan another one. The repeater committee has been busy at work getting stuff together to expand our 440 machine. I would like to thank Lowry (KM4Z) and Junior (KE4VWN) for climbing the water tank last week to fix the 2 meter and 6 meter antennas. The ground crew was a big help too. I don't remember all the names of who came and went that morning, because I had to leave early, so thank you to all that were there. Some of our up coming programs will be on how our repeater system works and what kind of hardware we have installed at the different sites.

We need a PCO (property control officer). This was evident for Field Day this year. This will be someone who has a list of all property that belongs to **GARS** and where it is stored. We are still trying to get a centralized place to store everything. If you have information or can help the club, please get in contact with me (KA4KKF).

My last topic this month is about club operation. I want to setup in writing all operations for each chairmanship and function that the club does. Some of you may have heard of ISO9000 certification, well something like that is what I'm thinking about. That way when something has to be done or we have an event to do volunteers will have a book to guide them through the process. This will take a couple of month to get started and will never be finished because it is an ongoing process. We have done this with Field Day for the last 5-6 years and each Field Day chairman has added to the book to let the next guy know what to do and who to contact.

It time to sign off so 73.

David  
KA4KKF



# New GARS Email List Server and Online Calendar

By Ike Chapman, KE4GYM

The **GARS** email list first got started back in 1994 when a few of the club members that had email addresses at the time wanted a way to exchange email addresses from a central location. At the time I was serving as Secretary and volunteered to maintain the list and I think we probably had ten or fifteen addresses on the initial list. As time has passed and the Internet has become more and more a part of our everyday lives the list has grown and grown as more of us have acquired one or more email addresses. The last time I looked at the entire list it was approaching two hundred separate email addresses.

Just the effort to maintain the list becomes quite unwieldy not to mention the required effort for each of us to keep our address books for our particular email clients up to date. The list has become very dynamic, with frequent additions and deletions as we gain and lose members, and changes as folks change their email address or add new ones to their existing addresses.

So what's the solution? An email list on a list server. I've been a subscriber to several lists from onelist.com for digital photography and it dawned on me that a server based list could be set up using them. With a few clicks of the mouse and some keyboard entries and viola!, the **GARS** email list is a reality at GARS@onelist.com .

How does this work? First of all you have to subscribe to the list, (there's a link to the list on the **GARS** web site) then all the email messages sent to the list are automatically routed to all list subscribers. There's no need to maintain that long list of email

addresses anymore, it's all done by the list server.

When you subscribe to the list, you have the choice of receiving all the messages in separate email messages or in digest form. The list digest sends one message per day with all the emails posted to the list server during the previous 24 hours in a single message.

To post a message to the list, all you have to do is create a new email message with the address of GARS@onelist.com, type your message and then hit the send button. To reply to a message from the list so that all the other subscribers see the reply, simply hit the reply button. To reply to a message from the list so that only the originator of the message sees the reply, use the forward button and fill in the address of the person that sent the message.

In addition to the email list now being hosted by Onelist, the club calendar of activities has also been moved there as well. The calendar there is very easy to maintain as opposed to the one that was on the **GARS** web site. To view the calendar, go to the Onelist site at <http://www.onelist.com> and login using the account you used to subscribe to the email list and click on the **GARS** link from the list of subscribed lists. The calendar will feature the most up to date information about scheduled club activities.

If you've got any questions, please let me know and I'll do my best to help out.



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# Meeting Minutes

By Mike Swiderski, K4HBI

## Gwinnett Amateur Radio Society June 17, 1999, Meeting Minutes

David Adcock, KA4KKF, President, called the **GARS** meeting at the Central Baptist Church to order at 1937 EDST. Club officers present: David Adcock, KA4KKF, President; Rick Morris, KD4VOJ, Vice President; Jeff Cutchins, KF4NBD, Treasurer; Howie Gould, W4NVF, Activities; and Mike Swiderski, K4HBI, Secretary.

Introductions, including several visitors, were followed by :

David, KA4KKF, queried the attendance regarding receiving *The GARZETTE* mailed June 4<sup>th</sup>, most attendees had, however a few still had not.

The May meeting minutes were accepted with amendment as published in *The GARZETTE*. The amendment was for the fat fingering of KE4IGD's email address, here is the corrected address: [ke4igd@arrl.net](mailto:ke4igd@arrl.net).

Jeff, KF4NBD, Treasurer, presented the financial status with a current balance of \$3700, noting the expenditure for field day shirts which after field day sales should bring the balance to about \$4K. The report was accepted.

David, KA4KKF, introduced the new Membership Chairman, Geoffroey-Alen Franklin, KE4IGD.

Announcements were next on the agenda:

Ken, KN4UO, from the Lanierland Amateur Radio Club, informed us of the upcoming Gainesville Hamfest, July 10, at the Georgia Mountain Center, and invited all to attend.

Carter Wood, KF4HLF, on behalf of Paul McInnish, K4BET, requested volunteers to help the Shriners with the July 4<sup>th</sup>, parade in Atlanta.

Ike Chapman, KE4GYM, explained the new **GARS** email list

update and coordination method using the "ONELIST.com" service. Ike sent an email to current **GARS** on-record email addresses. If per chance you did not receive the email, did change your email address, or just got an address and want to get on the list; the following is the address to use: <http://www.onelist.com/subscribe/GARS>

Gene Gach, KF4NOG, requested additional support for net control operators for the CW practice net on Tuesdays at 9 PM. He said he will sign you up at field day.

John Sokal, K9AOK, reminded folks about the Christmas Holiday Party on Friday Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>, and indicated bigger and better. John also stated the special Field Day shirts have not arrived yet, but are expected shortly. They will be designed similar to last year, however in blue and the price will be \$9.00 per shirt.

Marty Fowler, KE4MLH had copies of the 9 PM Wednesday night **GARS** 6M repeater net preamble and hoped to sign up more net control stations. Reminding all about the fund raising dog show project, so mark calendars for August 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, and 29<sup>th</sup> participation. The **GARS** Picnic, alias "pig roast", is scheduled for September 11<sup>th</sup> and expected to be at Ft. Yargo State Park near Winder, GA. Marty also reported that he repaired the beloved "swamp cooler", the field day life saver.

David, KA4KKF, introduced the Gwinnett County Emergency Coordinator, Lowry Rouse, KM4Z. Lowry unveiled the prestigious "Good Neighbor Award" presented to the ARES of Gwinnett County by the Red Cross organization for the outstanding preparation and quick action during disasters. Howie related Lowry's rise from concerned operator to Gwinnett EC, job well done Lowry. Please support the

fantastic Gwinnett County ARES group.

David, KA4KKF, read and displayed the Amateur Radio Appreciation Week proclamation presented June 15, at 2 PM by the Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners to David on behalf of the **GARS** group and Gwinnett County hams. In honor of this proclamation, Howie, W4NVF has reserved the call sign W4G for special event stations by the club members. Talk to Howie about and before using this call sign to insure compliance with the FCC rules and regulations.

Ike, KE4GYM, provided an anecdotal story that was emailed by Kevin, KF4RMA, now in Pennsylvania. The story involved Kevin's new club's approach to field day participation. There was talk of providing those folks with a copy of the "GARS FIELD DAY BIBLE" put together over the years by past field day chairman.

Speaking of field day, David then put out a request for next year's field day Co-chairman to come forth and be recognized.

Rick, KD4VOJ, announced the "Kids Day" activity being exercised this week end and suggest we all take part to expose more kids to amateur radio.

Reminder from David, ARRL renewals or new applicants should be handled through the **GARS** treasurer, as it provides a little extra for the club.

Next up was a professional Boy Scout official to discuss the Venture Scouting Project. The **GARS** club has been approached to provide sponsorship for a Venture Group. Carter, KF4HLF, introduced Ms. Lenora Valenta as the speaker for the Venture Scout Group sponsorship. The Venture group is coed, ages 14-20, and would be under the direction of

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scout leaders who are also GARS members. Venture is a new branch similar to the Explorers. Explorers deal typically with career oriented actions, whereas the Venture groups are more involved with a special interest or hobby. The program is based on "ethics and action" and within the "high adventure activity", they are to focus on "citizenship, social, leadership, fitness, service, and outdoor" studies. Her presentation was well received and the following question and answer period added more insight. The GARS appreciation was shown by a rousing applause. **GARS** liability issues were stated as covered via the scout groups own liability insurance. The issue of **GARS** sponsoring such a group will be discussed at the next exec meeting to be brought forth to the membership.

The evening's program centered on FIELD DAY 99. Don, AJ1T, this year's FIELD DAY 99 Co-Chairman was the keynote speaker. Don passed out a FAQ sheet on field day logistics and acknowledged the chairpersons, band captains and committee members. Ike, KE4GYM, discussed logging procedures, proper section designation and legibility issues. If you were not stoked about field day before Don and Ike spoke, you definitely were afterwards, especially after reading the menu.

As last year, the **GARS** group will hold a Can-a-thon in conjunction with field day to help support the Norcross Cooperative Ministries pantry. Commercially sealed can goods, non-perishable food stuffs, health and personal care items, and of course cash are all welcomed. Help us support the less fortunate within our communities.

David, KA4KKF, brought forth Jeff, KF4NBD, Treasurer, who presented the proposed annual finan-

cial budget covering July 1, 1999 to June 30, 2000.

## Budget

### Inflows - Income

Advertising (Garzette)	\$ 200
Apparel Sales	\$1200
Christmas Party	\$1000
Activity Donations*	\$4800
Dues	\$7000
Repeater Fund	\$ 500
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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$14,700</b>

### Outflows - Expenses

Activities**	\$5000
Apparel Costs	\$1000
Insurance	\$ 550
Membership	\$ 175
Misc. Expenses	\$ 750
Newsletter	\$1500
Publicity***	\$ 500
Repeater	\$3000
Utilities	\$1400
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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$13,875</b>

After the motion and second there was discussion on activity donations being budgeted prior to realization. The question was called and the budget was voted as accepted.

I, Mike, K4HBI, mentioned the received notice of the Western Carolina Hamfest, Sat., July 31, 1999, 8 AM - 4PM, at the Haywood County Fairgrounds, near Asheville, NC.

David, KA4KKF, introduced the New Membership Chairman, Geoffroey-Allen, KE4IGD, who submitted the following two family memberships: (from the **GARS** class) Victor Gann, KG4DMW, Carol Gann, and Matthew Gann, (hopeful to soon have call signs) Dwight Evans, Ann Evans. These good folks were accepted by vote. Welcome into the **GARS** "family".

Buddy, KE4YZS confirmed that he would pick up and bring the "swamp cooler" to and from the field day site.

The prize drawing was enjoyed

by most, especially the winners: Gene, KF4NOG; Rick, KD4RFK; and Lou, NY4F.

Howie, W4NVF, requested help at the Lawrenceville repeater site for 8 AM Saturday morning to repair the antenna and feed line system. John, W5NNH will be adding a 24 dB preamp to the 6M receive side of the repeater.

David called the meeting to a close at 2104 EDST.

73, Notes as heard and scribed, any misspelling and erroneous information is the computer's fault. Complaints and corrections will get you this job.

Respectively submitted Mike Swiderski, K4HBI

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## Hams Honored

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President David Adcock, KA4KKF accepted a proclamation from the Gwinnett County Commission on behalf of all of the amateur radio operators of Gwinnett County. The proclamation recognized the efforts of amateur radio operators in times of emergency and set aside the week of June 20 through June 26 as Amateur Radio Awareness Week in Gwinnett County. The proclamation also mentioned that hams from across the United States and Canada would be practicing their emergency communication skills during the annual Field Day event on June 26 and 27, 1999. The proclamation was presented to David by Commission Vice-Chairman Tommy Hughes.

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# Shack Of The Month

## Bob Varone, W4ETN

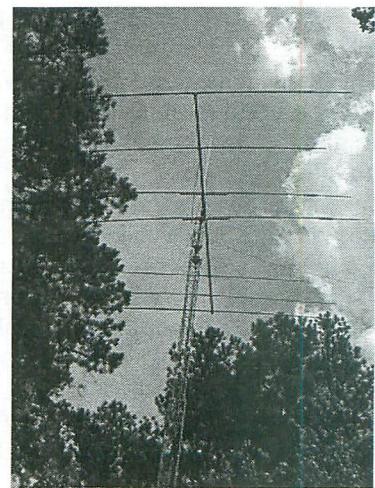
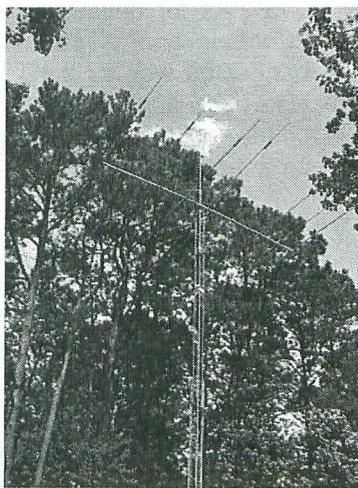
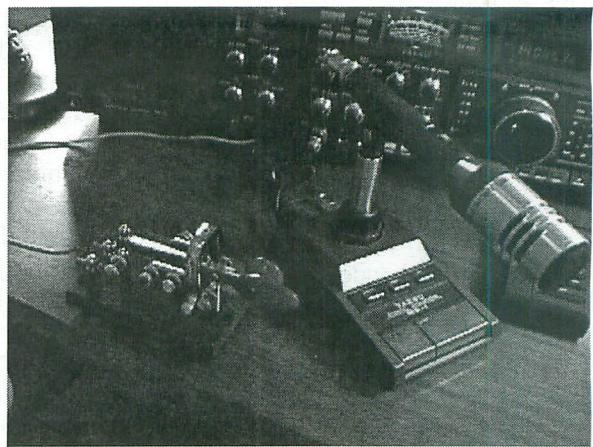
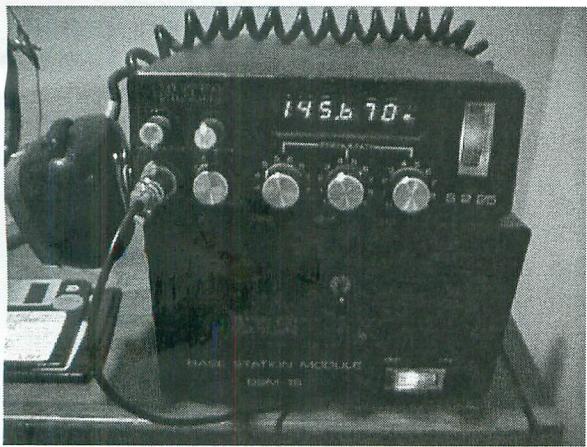
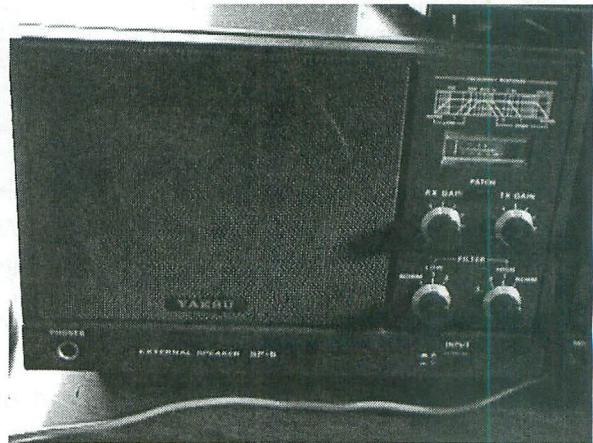
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# Shack Of The Month

## Bob Varone, W4ETN

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# On The Air With Ade Wirth, W4ADE

By Karl Phillips, K4GZZ

This months' ON THE AIR features another member of our **GARS** "northern" connection. Ade Wirth, W4ADE was born in Queens, New York. Ade attended Brooklyn Technical School from beginning to end. After finishing school, Ade joined the U.S. Navy. Ade spent 3 years floating in the Pacific and 1 year in the Atlantic. During his tenure, Ade rode the waves aboard two navy cruisers and one supply ship. As an Electronics Mate, Ade attained the rank of 1<sup>st</sup> Class Petty Officer in four years. This is a feat not easily attainable in the current Navy structure, so that was quite an accomplishment.

After his service in the Navy, Ade got married to Tammy. During the day, Ade was a contracting constructor and by night, Ade attended college at Fairleigh Dickinson Junior College. Ade says that by the time he graduated, Fairleigh Dickinson had attained university status. Ade! That doesn't mean you were a career student does it? I guess he majored in partying and goofing off 101. Just kidding, Ade. Ade graduated with a degree in Electronic Engineering.

As far as ham radio goes, he got his first ticket at the age of 16. It seems the school had an "on campus" radio station, which spurred his interest in amateur radio. Ade can't remember his first call sign, but does remember he was a WN2 first and then a WA2. Ade has been in and out of ham radio about three times since first getting interested.

In 1975, Ade returned to ham radio as N2BSG. While a ham, and in college, some of Ade's friends talked him into giving law enforcement a try so he became a police officer. Tammy told him he could quit anytime he wanted to and he did just that, 31 years later! Ade retired from law enforcement as the



Ade Wirth, W4ADE, **GARS** QSL Manager at the 1999 Techfest.  
Digital Image by Brian Siegmund, KF4MWI

head of the Communications Division in 1990.

After retirement, Ade decided to remain in the business as a security officer for Mercedes Benz and Atlantic and Pacific. To us southerners that Atlantic and Pacific is your friendly A & P Food Stores.

Ade and Tammy relocated to Atlanta in 1996 on June the 17<sup>th</sup> of that year. As a retiree, Ade proclaimed he'd "never work in this town again". True to his word, Ade hasn't "hit a lick" since his arrival in Atlanta.

While living in New Jersey, Ade's rigs and station were quite impressive. He had 2 full HF DX stations in a room 9 X 18 feet. Ade used a Kenwood TS-830 and a TS-940. As for antennas, Ade had a 20-meter and a 10-meter monobander as well as a KT34XA. He also used 40/160 and 80 meter dipoles as well as a 12-element Yagi on 2 meters.

Upon moving to Atlanta, Tammy found her "dream house", unfortunately it is in a restricted area as far as antennas go. Ade now uses an 80-meter "loop" hidden in the trees, behind the house. But he has some real serious "juice" in the form of a Henry amplifier. Ade uses a Yaesu FT-900, and a

Kenwood 700S all mode 2 meter rig.

Ade and Tammy have two sons, Jason, 28 (KA2NXF) and David, 30 (KA2NYE). Both are considered by Ade to be the "two most in-active hams in America". As a matter of fact, if you add in his wife, Tammy, you have the three most in-active hams in the world. They are so inactive (*how in-active are they?*) that Ade has to mark his calendar, keep up with when their tickets expire and then renew them himself. Jason lives in Boston as an Investigator for the Corrections Department and David will soon be moving to Los Angeles to continue his career as a musician and songwriter. David is a graduate of the Berkeley College of Music.

Ade was introduced to **GARS** by KR4DA - Bob. Ade says that **GARS** is a great club to be in. He especially likes the fellowship, youth and camaraderie of the club members.

So now, we must ask the question, what's Ade worth? (HaHa) Well, fellow members, Ade is worth an awful lot to the **GARS** club. Ade is one of our more active members. Along with helping with various **GARS** events, Ade is the club QSL Manager and along with AJ1T, Don, Ade is top dog (a DX hound) as Co-Chairman of our Field Day committee. You will also find Ade attending most of our family breakfast meetings on Saturdays and at nearly all meetings.

If you hear that distinct accent on the repeater, give Ade a call. He is one of our more "entertaining" members and very deserving to appear as the subject of this ON THE AIR feature.

I'll look forward to my 34<sup>th</sup> feature next month. 73 to all Karl - K4GZZ



# News From The League

## NO QUESTION POOL CHANGES — YET

The Amateur Radio examination question pools remain in a holding pattern pending an announcement from the FCC on license restructuring. No question pools or questions will change anytime soon for any license class.

Last September, the National Conference of Volunteer Examiner Coordinators' Question Pool Committee announced that all question pool updates were being put on hold until after the FCC had acted on Amateur Radio restructuring (officially known as the Part 97 Biennial Review). Until the September NCVEC QPC announcement, the Advanced class question pool had been scheduled to expire at midnight on June 30, 1999.

Current examination questions and study materials remain valid until further notice. The NCVEC recently announced that it was postponing its annual meeting and won't set a new meeting date until the FCC drops the other shoe on Amateur Radio restructuring. NCVEC members were to meet July 9 in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. The FCC's action is expected to have a substantial impact on the content of amateur examinations.

## FCC SETS NEW VANITY FEE

The fee to apply for an Amateur Radio vanity call sign will increase from \$13 to \$14 starting September 10, 1999.

The FCC has released its FY 1999 fee schedule which rounded down the proposed \$1.42 per year fee.

The FCC continues to receive in excess of 1000 vanity applications per month. During May, the FCC got 1165 vanity applications, all but 141 of them filed electronically.



## SPECTRUM PROTECTION BILL ADDS COSPONSORS

There are now 76 cosponsors for The Amateur Radio Spectrum Protection Act, HR 783. The measure would require the FCC to provide "equivalent replacement spectrum" should the agency reallocate any Amateur Radio or Amateur Satellite service allocations to another service.

"Our regular visits to Congressional offices on Capitol Hill indicate that, while most members of Congress understand and appreciate the benefits of Amateur Radio, some are reluctant to sign onto such a technical piece of legislation without some indication of support from their own constituents," says ARRL Legislative and Public Affairs Manager Steve Mansfield, N1MZA.

HR 783 still must make it out of the House Telecommunications Subcommittee and its parent House Commerce Committee before it goes to the House floor.

There's a lot of pending legislation already in the pipeline, however, so that could take some time.

Hams wishing to help the effort to move HR 783 can do so by writing to their member of Congress. Visit ARRLWeb, <http://www.arrl.org/govrelations/hr783.html> for a sample letter and addresses.--Steve Mansfield, N1MZA

## FCC SAYS HAMS NEXT IN LINE FOR ULS

The FCC says the Amateur Service is the next in line to be converted to the Universal Licensing System. Amateur Radio is scheduled for ULS "deployment" in August. Most of the remaining wireless services will be converted from their old licensing systems to ULS in phases during the remainder of 1999.

The FCC has adopted a Report and Order to enable public access to application and licensing information in the ULS via the Internet. The FCC says its decision will "significantly enhance the ability of the public to access public record information regarding wireless licensees, at a reduced cost."

The Universal Licensing System will replace the venerable Form 610 series with a new, inclusive electronic document known as Form 605. It also will incorporate the vanity call sign program. The ULS will permit amateurs to file applications, modifications or renewals via the Internet. Individual hams will not be required to file electronically, however. So far, nearly 6000 amateurs have registered with the ULS.

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## Metro Atlanta Club Meetings

### First Tuesday

#### **Metro Atlanta Telephone Pioneers**

Old Hickory House

5490 Chamblee/Dunwoody Rd, Dunwoody  
Dutch dinner is at 6:30 PM, followed by meeting.  
Talk In 145.410(-)

#### **Kennehoochee ARC**

First United Methodist Church in Marietta  
Meeting begins at 7:30 PM  
Talk In 146.880(-)

### First Thursday

#### **Atlanta Radio Club**

American Red Cross Building, Lindberg Plaza  
Meeting is at 7:30 PM  
Talk In -146.820(-)

#### **N.E. Georgia ARC**

Jefferson Civic Center  
Off of Memorial Dr. toward Winder from Jefferson  
Meeting is at 6:30 PM  
Talk In - 147.225(+)

### Second Wednesday

#### **North Fulton Amateur Radio**

##### **League**

Ryan's Steak House  
Alpharetta Highway (Hwy 9), Alpharetta  
Dinner at 6:30 PM, meeting at 7:30 PM  
Talk In - 145.47(-)

### Second Thursday

#### **Alford Memorial Radio Club**

Killian Hall, Killian Hill Road  
Lilburn  
Dinner at 6:00 PM, meeting at 7:30 PM  
Talk In - 146.760(-)

### Second Saturday

#### **East Atlanta LAN**

St. Patrick's Episcopal Church  
Dunwoody  
Meeting is at 10:00 AM  
Talk In - 145.410(-) and 443.025(+)

### Third THURSDAY



**Gwinnett**

**Amateur Ra-**

#### **dio Society**

Central Baptist Church  
Gwinnett Drive  
Lawrenceville  
Meeting begins at 7:30 PM in the fellowship hall.  
Talk In -147.075(+) and 444.525(+)  
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## Metro Atlanta VE Exam Schedule

**GARS** publishes Metro Atlanta area VE exam schedules as a service and is not responsible for errors or changes. Call and confirm schedules before going. All sessions are walk-in. Take copies of current license and certificate of completed elements with you to all sessions.

### First Sunday

#### **WCARS VEC**

2:00 PM

(Except July and September)  
Johnson High School  
3305 Poplar Springs RD, Gainesville  
Terry Jones, W4TL (770)967-6364

### First Saturday

9:00AM

Clayton County Emergency  
Management Building  
7496 N. McDonough St., Jonesboro  
George White, KN4NG (770)361-6850

### Second Tuesday

7:00PM

Walton EMC  
3645 Lenora Church Rd, Snellville  
Wayne Taylor, WD4CCA  
(770)498-7759

### Second Saturday

CA VEC

8:30 AM

Stone Mountain Methodist Church  
5312 West Mountain St.  
Stone Mountain  
Hal Martin, KI4RD  
(770)978-9160

### Third Saturday

#### **CA VEC**

9:00AM

Marietta First United Methodist Church  
Room 305, 56 Whitlock Ave  
Marietta  
Larry Huff, WA4CQZ  
(770)955-3171

### Fourth Tuesday

#### **ARRL VEC**

7:00 PM

United Way Service Center  
6279 Fairburn Road, Douglasville  
Jessie Clower, KB4WFK  
(770)942-6466.

### Fourth Friday

#### **W5YI VEC**

7:00 PM

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Oak Street, Lawrenceville

Backup Repeater Site  
Lanier Mountain, Snellville

### Remote Receive Sites

Bogan Road, Buford  
Goshen Springs Road, Norcross  
Lanier Mountain, Snellville

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Main Repeater Site  
Lanier Mountain, Snellville

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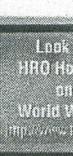
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## **From The Editor's Desk**

*By Ike Chapman, KE4GYM*

This month finds me feeling a bit snowed under as I try to finish up the newsletter and then attack the logs from Field Day. After I volunteered to serve as Logging Coordinator for Field Day I realized that the newsletter deadline and Field Day pretty much coincided. With help from the regular contributors, I had planned to finish the newsletter before Field Day but you know what they say about good intentions.

But I've made it through task #1 as evident since you're reading this and should have completed task #2 by the time this makes it to your mailbox. I'll be posting the scores from Field Day on the **GARS** web site as soon as I'm finished compiling them along with some statistics from each band and the overall operation.

There'll also be plenty of photo



documentation for this year's Field Day on the web site very soon. Doug Kregrel, KB6RRX, Brian Siegmund, KF4MWI and myself all had our digital cameras at the FD site and now I've got over 250 photos to post. I plan on posting pretty much all of them using the same format I used with the Dacula Memorial Day Parade. There'll be several, I'm not

sure yet how many I'm to set up, different albums. I'll send a message to the **GARS** email list as soon as the pictures are online.

I'd like to thank the regular contributors that each month make my job of putting together the newsletter easier. I'd like to encourage you to send in an article for a future issue. There should be plenty of Field Day stories out there for you to write about as well as many other topics. Once you write the first few lines it gets easier and easier so give it a try and let me hear from you soon.

As always, I welcome suggestions for the web site and the newsletter, please send suggestions, comments and questions to [ichapman@mindspring.com](mailto:ichapman@mindspring.com).

